

Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 60.
Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by year of application and program,
1992–2005

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for Social Security only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^{a,b} (percent)
All disabled beneficiaries									
1999	398,185	61,143	15.4	210,358	34,724	16.5	187,827	26,419	14.1
2000	408,526	58,590	14.3	215,443	33,233	15.4	193,083	25,357	13.1
2001	435,157	58,417	13.4	222,277	32,590	14.7	212,880	25,827	12.1
2002	502,584	60,482	12.0	250,126	32,881	13.1	252,458	27,601	10.9
2003	542,435	60,471	11.1	258,287	31,725	12.3	284,148	28,746	10.1
2004	547,366	57,278	10.5	246,721	29,590	12.0	300,645	27,688	9.2
2005	407,315	36,446	8.9	182,034	19,137	10.5	225,281	17,309	7.7
Workers									
1992	419,798	53,881	12.8	190,594	25,352	13.3	229,204	28,529	12.4
1993	469,151	58,275	12.4	206,606	27,306	13.2	262,545	30,969	11.8
1994	489,731	62,757	12.8	226,013	31,468	13.9	263,718	31,289	11.9
1995	458,036	60,584	13.2	218,950	31,563	14.4	239,086	29,021	12.1
1996	464,582	65,466	14.1	226,333	33,596	14.8	238,249	31,870	13.4
1997	403,212	59,978	14.9	206,135	33,373	16.2	197,077	26,605	13.5
1998	384,978	61,742	16.0	199,273	34,043	17.1	185,705	27,699	14.9
1999	385,409	57,808	15.0	203,696	33,192	16.3	181,713	24,616	13.5
2000	397,031	55,762	14.0	209,146	31,946	15.3	187,885	23,816	12.7
2001	423,981	55,822	13.2	216,179	31,420	14.5	207,802	24,402	11.7
2002	490,141	57,961	11.8	243,562	31,809	13.1	246,579	26,152	10.6
2003	529,278	57,885	10.9	252,179	30,711	12.2	277,099	27,174	9.8
2004	534,437	55,241	10.3	241,326	28,772	11.9	293,111	26,469	9.0
2005	398,183	35,250	8.9	178,207	18,612	10.4	219,976	16,638	7.6
Widow(er)s									
1999	7,109	1,983	27.9	4,109	917	22.3	3,000	1,066	35.5
2000	6,353	1,574	24.8	3,854	738	19.1	2,499	836	33.5
2001	6,192	1,599	25.8	3,859	741	19.2	2,333	858	36.8
2002	6,415	1,435	22.4	4,014	667	16.6	2,401	768	32.0
2003	6,661	1,443	21.7	3,834	660	17.2	2,827	783	27.7
2004	6,230	1,133	18.2	3,261	515	15.8	2,969	618	20.8
2005	4,466	612	13.7	2,355	319	13.5	2,111	293	13.9

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Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by year of application and program,
1992–2005—Continued

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	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^{a,b} (percent)
Adult children									
1999	5,667	1,352	23.9	2,553	615	24.1	3,114	737	23.7
2000	5,142	1,254	24.4	2,443	549	22.5	2,699	705	26.1
2001	4,984	996	20.0	2,239	429	19.2	2,745	567	20.7
2002	6,028	1,086	18.0	2,550	405	15.9	3,478	681	19.6
2003	6,496	1,143	17.6	2,274	354	15.6	4,222	789	18.7
2004	6,699	904	13.5	2,134	303	14.2	4,565	601	13.2
2005	4,666	584	12.5	1,472	206	14.0	3,194	378	11.8

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through June 2006.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the allowance rate will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or be subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

Data from 1992 to 1998 are available for disabled workers only.

SSI = Supplemental Security Income.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Rate for the Social Security portion only.

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